

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 29, 2008, the Examiner rejected claims 5, 6, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Muramatsu et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2004/0014490) in view of Hayes, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,974,312). No claims were allowed.

The rejection of claims 5, 6, and 18-20 under §103(a) in the July 29, 2008 Office Action completely ignored applicants' prior response, dated April 4, 2008, which removed Muramatsu et al. as a citable reference. Applicants respectfully traverse the §103 rejection in the July 29, 2008 Office action as including, in the cited combination, a reference, namely, Muramatsu et al., which only qualifies as prior art under §102(e). For the reasons set forth in detail in applicants' Remarks in their April 4, 2008 Response, which Remarks, including supporting documents, are incorporated herein by reference, Muramatsu et al. is not citable prior art in this application. The reason is the present application and Muramatsu et al. were, at the time the invention in the present application was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person, namely, Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha ("Sharp Corporation"), having an address at 22-22, Nagaike-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka, Japan.

Applicants have attached hereto copies of eight USPTO assignment printouts of recently-issued US patents filed by the assignee of the present application, namely, Sharp Laboratories of America, Inc. Each

patent, upon issuance, was assigned by Sharp Laboratories of America, Inc. to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha, in accordance with the contract entitled "The Basic Agreement on Research Development and Service," dated July 1, 1995, a redacted copy of which was provided with applicants' Response dated April 4, 2008. The attached assignments, selected at random from among hundreds, corroborate the asserted obligation of assignment stated above. Such assignments have been filed with the USPTO over many years and could be checked by the Examiner, if he has any doubts that such an obligation existed at the time the present invention was made.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the rejection of each of claims 5, 6, 18, 19, and 20 under §103(a) is fully overcome because the rejection for each such claim combines a reference which has been removed. Claims 5, 6, 18, 19, and 20 are, accordingly, fully allowable.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) requesting a one-month extension, together with a deposit account authorization for the fee therefore.

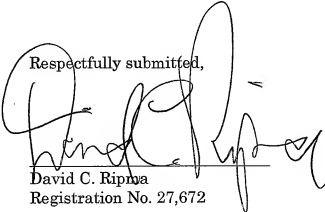
This response is accompanied by an IDS together with the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and ask that it be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiencies or overpayments in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 19-1457.

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Patent #: 7366126

Issue Dt: 04/29/2008

Application #: 10650188

Filing Dt: 08/28/2003

Publication #: 20040092268

Pub Dt: 05/13/2004

Inventor: Shugong Xu

Title: MODIFIED-BEACON, BANDWIDTH-ACCESS CONTROL IN WIRELESS NETWORK COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 014481/0303

Recorded: 08/28/2003

Pages: 3

Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

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Patent #: 7372855 **Issue Dt:** 05/13/2008 **Application #:** 10648084 **Filing Dt:** 08/26/2003
Publication #: 20040131019 **Pub Dt:** 07/08/2004
Inventor: Srinivas Kandala
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING AN IEEE 802.11 POWER-SAVE INTERVAL

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 014445/0285 **Recorded:** 08/26/2003 **Pages:** 4

Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

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Patent #: 7339696

Issue Dt: 03/04/2008

Application #: 10647564

Filing Dt: 08/25/2003

Publication #: 20040180033

Pub Dt: 09/30/2004

Inventor: Andrew R. Ferlitsch

Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DYNAMICALY GENERATING A PRINTER MODEL DATABASE

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 014876/0292

Recorded: 01/09/2004

Pages: 4

Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

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Patent #: 7330281

Issue Dt: 02/12/2008

Application #: 10647567

Filing Dt: 08/25/2003

Publication #: 20050052664

Pub Dt: 03/10/2005

Inventor: Andrew Rodney Ferlitsch

Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING IMAGING JOB CONTROL

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 014875/0268

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Patent #: 7379594

Issue Dt: 05/27/2008

Application #: 10767394

Filing Dt: 01/28/2004

Publication #: 20050163374

Pub Dt: 07/28/2005

Inventors: A. Mufit Ferman, Richard J. Campbell, John E. Dolan

Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR AUTOMATIC DETECTION OF CONTINUOUS-TONE REGIONS IN DOCUMENT IMAGES

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 014946/0893

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Pages: 2

Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

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Patent #: 7342896

Issue Dt: 03/11/2008

Application #: 10775717

Filing Dt: 02/09/2004

Publication #: 20040174829

Pub Dt: 09/09/2004

Inventor: Deepak V. Ayyagari

Title: CENTRALIZED NETWORK ORGANIZATION AND TOPOLOGY DISCOVERY IN AD-HOC NETWORK WITH CENTRAL CONTROLLER

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 014985/0793

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Patent #: 7359070

Issue Dt: 04/15/2008

Application #: 09407171

Filing Dt: 09/30/1999

Inventor: DANA SMITH

Title: MULTI-FUNCTION PERIPHERAL WITH CAMERA

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 010290/0637

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Conveyance: ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNORS INTEREST (SEE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS).

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Patent #: 7386621

Issue Dt: 06/10/2008

Application #: 09653073

Filing Dt: 08/31/2000

Inventor: Daryl Hlasny

Title: EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE TRANSMISSION VIA A HYBRID BROADCAST-POINT-TO-POINT SYSTEM

Assignment: 1

Reel/Frame: 011065/0675

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